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CCRB CHAIR ARVA RICE ASKED FOR MORE BUDGET AND HEADCOUNT AS POWERS GROW

NEW YORK – Today, the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) testified before the City Council to detail the Agency’s budget needs. In the last few years, the CCRB has expanded the types of cases it investigates. Due to new jurisdictions, including racial profiling and bias based policing, untruthful statements, sexual misconduct and more, the Agency is responsible for investigating hundreds of more cases a year. To keep up with this level of work, the CCRB needs more investigators. Instead, the Agency is facing cuts.

“The CCRB is a critical Agency to improve public safety in this City,” Said **Interim Chair Arva Rice**. “We appreciate the City Council’s trust in us by expanding our jurisdiction. In order to fulfill our new charter mandate and updated rules, we need more personnel and budget to continue serving New Yorkers with the efficiency and quality they deserve. We hope the City Council and City Hall will meet this need.”

Chair Rice also detailed legislative roadblocks the Agency is facing, such as the need for direct access and an exemption from sealing statutes. Other oversight boards across the country have direct access to police records, and New York should match that standard. The CCRB also answered the Council Members’ questions on case timelines, statute of limitation issues, and NYPD-CCRB concurrence rates. See the full testimony [here](#).

About the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board.

The CCRB is an independent agency that is empowered to receive, investigate, mediate, hear, make findings, and recommend action on complaints against New York City police officers alleging the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language. The Board’s investigative staff, composed entirely of civilian employees, conducts investigations in an impartial fashion. The Board has 15 members who must all live in the city and reflect the diversity of the city. This 15-member Board governs the CCRB, with five seats appointed by the Mayor, five appointed by the NYC City Council, three designated by the Police Commissioner and appointed by the Mayor, one appointed by the Public Advocate, and

the Chair, who is jointly appointed by the Mayor and City Council Speaker. No member of the board may have a law enforcement background, other than those designated by the police commissioner, and none may be public employees or serve in public office.

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The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives each year.